



## 1 Corinthians 11 Discussion Questions

- Paul commends the Corinthians for holding to the traditions (v.2). Why is it important to cling to God's Word even when it feels uncomfortable or countercultural?
  - Are there parts of the Bible you find yourself tempted to avoid or dismiss because they challenge you?
- In verse 3 Paul outlines God's order: Christ is the head of man, man the head of woman, and God the head of Christ. How does this reflect both equality and distinction in the Trinity?
  - Why is it important to see authority and submission not as inequality but as part of God's design?
  - Jesus submitted to the Father without losing His glory. How does His example reshape our understanding of submission in marriage, church, and life?
  - Where is it hardest for you personally to trust and submit to God's will?
- Paul speaks about dishonor in worship when head coverings or appearances sent the wrong message (vv.4–6). What are modern ways we might dishonor God in worship through our outward expression or behavior?

- How can we discern what honors God rather than draws attention to ourselves?
- Wesley noted that Christianity is incarnational. It takes eternal truths and expresses them within culture. How does this principle help us interpret difficult passages like this one?
  - Where do you see the tension today between cultural customs and biblical truth?
  - Paul appeals to creation order (vv.7–9), showing men and women are equal in dignity yet distinct in role. Why does creation order matter for how we live as Christians?
  - How do our differences as men and women display God’s glory when embraced rightly?
- Paul reminds us that men and women are not independent of one another but mutually dependent (vv.11–12). How does this truth shape the way we live in community?
  - Where have you experienced the beauty of mutual dependence instead of competition in your relationships?
- Paul appeals to “nature” or common sense about gender distinctions (vv.13–15). Why does God care that men and women remain visibly distinct?
  - How do modern cultural conversations around gender and identity press against this principle?

- Paul closes by urging the Corinthians not to be contentious but to focus on honoring God (v.16). How do we sometimes make worship more about us than Him?
  - What would it look like for you personally to come to worship with a posture that highlights Christ instead of yourself?